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SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT LESS THAN ROUSING SUCCESS

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1. WE HAVE SO FAR LITTLE MORE THAN ATMOSPHERICS TO GO ON, BUT IMPRESSION IS THAT GENSCHERE VISIT (REFTEL) CONSISTED OF ONLY THAT: ATMOSPHERICS. ALTHOUGH ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTOURAGE OF ABOUT EIGHTY, GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER APPARENTLY BROUGHT ALONG PRACTICALLY NO ONE TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITH RWANDANS. SPECIFICALLY, MINISTRIES OF COOPERATION AND DEFENSE -- BOTH AREAS OF TOP PRIORITY FOR RWANDA -- WERE UNREPRESENTED.

2. RWANDANS THEMSELVES SEEM NOT TO HAVE BEEN DUPED BY IMPROVISED CHARACTER OF GENCHER VISIT FOLLOWING  
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CANCELLATION OF KENYA STOP. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA DEPARTED ON FOUR-DAY VISIT TO KAMPALA AWARE THAT HIS RETURN WOULD ALLOW HIM ONLY A FEW HOURS OVERLAP WITH GENSCHER. COMPOUNDING MATTERS, PRESIDENT TOOK HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WITH HIM TO KAMPALA, ALTHOUGH NSEKALIJE RETURNED IN TIME TO HOST DINNER FOR GENSCHER MARCH 2 AND TO MEET AGAIN WITH HIM FOLLOWING MORNING. BUT PERHAPS

BEST INDICATION OF RWANDAN ATTITUDE TOWARD VISIT WAS GOR  
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF CREDENCE OF NEW FRG  
AMBASSADOR (FNU FLENDER), WHO ARRIVED JUST TWO DAYS AHEAD  
OF GENSCHER AND HOPED TO BE OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED WHEN HIS  
BOSS CAME TO TOWN. THE POOR MAN HAS NOW PACKED HIS BAGS  
AND RETURNED TO BRUSSELS, WHERE HE WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTER-  
COUNSELOR. RWANDAN COMMENT WAS: "MATTERS OF SUCH  
IMPORTANCE ARE NOT DONE SO HASTILY IN RWANDA."

3. OUR IMPRESSION IS, FINALLY, THAT GENSCHER TRIP WAS  
LITTLE MORE THAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING FOR  
GERMAN LIBERAL PARTY, WHICH APPARENTLY DESPERATE TO AVOID  
POLITICAL DISASTER IN UPCOMING LANDER ELECTIONS. WE ARE  
TOLD THAT SOCIALISTS AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS REFUSED TO  
COME ALONG ON THIS TRIP BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL NATURE.  
INDEED, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO ONE ELSE ON BOARD  
GENSCHER'S LUFTWAFFE 707 THAN JOURNALISTS AND BUSINESS  
CRONIES. WE DOUBT THAT PRIVATE DISUCSSIONS WITH RWANDANS  
RESULTED IN ANYTHING MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL TO REPORT.  
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